

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A powerline networking device comprising:
a powerline plug configured and arranged to provide power and network connectivity to and from a power grid;
a plurality of powerline outlets in electrical communication with the powerline plug, the plurality of powerline outlets configured and arranged to provide power and powerline networking connections to devices plugged into any of the plurality of powerline outlets; and
a networking device between the power line plug and each of the plurality of powerline outlets, the networking device including logic configured to isolate the plurality of powerline outlets from network traffic on the power grid.
2. A powerline networking device in accordance with Claim 1, further comprising:
a surge suppression device between the powerline plug and the plurality of powerline outlets.
3. A powerline networking device in accordance with Claim 1, further comprising a housing, and wherein the powerline plug and the plurality of powerline outlets are attached to said housing, and said network device is within the housing.
4. A powerline networking device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the network device comprises logic configured to enable the network device to function as a device selected from the group consisting of a network hub, a network router, a network switch, and combinations thereof.
5. A powerline networking device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the network device comprises logic configured to enable the network device to define a subnet including only devices plugged into the plurality of powerline outlets.

6. A powerline networking device in accordance with Claim 1, further comprising:
logic configured to enable firewall, data encryption, selective parental controls,
and combinations thereof; and

logic configured to present a user interface and to allow a user to configure said
firewall, data encryption, selective parental controls, and combinations thereof.

7. A powerline networking device comprising:

powerline plug means for providing power and network connectivity to and from
a power grid;

powerline outlet means in electrical communication with the powerline plug
means, the powerline outlet means for providing power and powerline networking
connections to devices plugged into powerline outlet means; and

networking means between the powerline plug means and the powerline outlet
means, the networking means for isolating the powerline outlet means from network
traffic on the power grid.

8. A powerline networking device in accordance with Claim 7, further comprising:
surge suppression means between the powerline plug means and the powerline
outlet means.

9. A powerline networking device in accordance with Claim 7, further comprising
enclosure means, and wherein the powerline plug means and the powerline outlet means
are attached to said enclosure means, and said networking means is within the enclosure
means.

10. A powerline networking device in accordance with Claim 7, wherein the
networking means is further for functioning as a device selected from the group
consisting of a network hub, a network router, a network switch, and combinations
thereof.

11. A powerline networking device in accordance with Claim 7, wherein the networking means comprises means for defining a subnet including only devices plugged into the powerline outlet means.

12. A powerline networking device in accordance with Claim 7, further comprising:
means for enabling a firewall, data encryption, selective parental controls, and combinations thereof; and

means for presenting a user interface and allowing a user to configure said firewall, data encryption, selective parental controls, and combinations thereof.